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Response Due Date:
September 19, 2005

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Reference: Filing dated 5/4/05

Dear Mr. Hale:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the filing referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

Your Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) dated 5/4/05 fails to designate a bank or other depository for committee funds. Commission Regulations require that "each political committee shall designate one or more State banks, Federally chartered depository institutions (including a national bank), or depository institutions the depository accounts of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration, as its campaign depository or depositories." Additionally, Commission Regulations require "each political committee (to) maintain at least one checking account or transaction account at one of its depositories." Please amend your Statement of Organization to disclose the committee's depository. (11 CFR § 102.2(a)(1)(vi))

A copy of FEC FORM 1 can be downloaded from the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov>, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated.

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